

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 19, 2005. Claims 33-37, 42-46 and 51 are presented for examination. Claims 38-41, 47-50 and 52 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 33, 42 and 51 are in independent form. The canceled claims will not be further addressed herein.

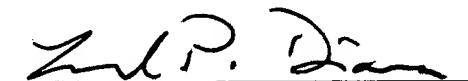
Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 33-37, 42-46 and 51.

The Office Action entered rejections of Claims 38-41, 47-50 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 11-3004 (Masuda). Claims 38-41, 47-50 and 52 have all been cancelled, and the remaining claims are seen to be in condition for allowance for the reasons noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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